

Group 2, claims 11-27, drawn to a system including the step of extracting from a storage unit.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 2, claims 11-27.

Additionally, in traversing the election of species requirement asserted by the Examiner, the Applicants believe that the Examiner has omitted one of the two criteria for a proper election of species requirement now established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803, if the "search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is respectfully submitted that there is no serious burden on the Examiner in examining all of claims 1-27 together.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees


required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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